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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Marcy Gallagher, Chief, Division of Plan Surveys

RE: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING USING RESULTS FROM THE NATIONAL
COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE TO DETERMINE A HEALTH PLAN'S
COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Managed Health Care (Department), which regulates Knox-Keene licensed health plans in California, has scheduled a Public Hearing regarding the possibility of allowing plans voluntarily accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) to be exempted from duplicative routine surveys by the Department.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 8, 2005, at the following location:

California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building
1001 I Street (Corner of 10th and I Streets)
Sierra Room, Second Floor
Sacramento, California

The Department encourages the public and interested stakeholders to file written comments focusing on the described *agenda* items. Written comments can be mailed to:

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Comments can be submitted via email to PublicComments@dmhc.ca.gov. Please indicate that the comments pertain to "NCQA Deeming." Those submitting written comments will be given priority to speak at the public hearing. Written comments will be accepted until close of business June 1, 2005.